

**SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2013**

Present

Pam Henry Vanessa Brunnell
Dave Kennedy Bob Appleby
Sue Spang/Chairperson

Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Jim Burke Al Giansanti
Timothy Allen Vacancy

Guests

Athena Sartori Denise Orsini
John Dickson-Valley Basketball Club
James Cunningham-East Lyme High Basketball
Coach

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Appleby/Kennedy) to approve the July 15, 2013 minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

M/S/C (Henry/Appleby) to accept the treasury report as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

None

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Basketball Partnership discussion with East Lyme.

Introductions were done between the Commission, John Dickson and James Cunningham.

The East Lyme Recreation Basketball League will take a vote as to include Salem children into the travel league. The EL Recreation is concerned that if they add Salem kids to travel team they would not have enough gym availability. This interaction between the two towns would be for the Travel Team only. Salem gym space would be available if children from Salem were included on the travel teams. Salem children would have to try out for the team as do East Lyme children.

John Dickson stated combining the two towns would benefit the children; possibly adding more travel teams to accommodate the number of children.

Jim Cunningham favored combining the two towns to have long term success in the future.

P. Henry asked if the East Lyme Rec Commission could be approached on the subject.

B. Appleby stated the EL Basketball League is not thinking about the children; Salem children are welcome in other sports in EL.

Denise Orsini stated the kids have played in the past with East Lyme.

S. Spang stated Salem Recreation used to play EL Recreation every Sunday for scrimmage games in Salem.

Jim asked if a letter could be sent to the EL Basketball League stating how good it would be for the two towns to work together.

John spoke of his travel teams and how 3 towns (Essex, Deep River, and Chester) work together so the kids will have teams and playing time. He is willing to run a clinic for East Lyme and Salem grades 8 thru 12 in Salem. The dates will be Tuesday evenings October 8 to November 26. The Commission thought it was a good idea and will work with John.

S. Spang will speak with Dave Putman and Mike Catanzaro to discuss how the league works.

V. Bunnell discussed the girls travel team and the numbers are low for EL. She will start registrations in Salem next week to see what interest there is in the travel teams. V. Bunnell will put together a board and S. Spang requested guidelines be written. Also it was determined the coaches will need some instruction on how to work with the children. Jim Cunningham stated he would be willing to run a coaches clinic.

b. Babe Ruth Lighting

D. Kennedy researched with CL&P for the power on Round Hill Round. CL&P informed D. Kennedy there is 480 to 600AMP service for the area of the fields. The expense would be approximately 5 to 10K to run the power from the road to the fields. Andrew Dyjak might be able to attend the September meeting with more information: pricing, sketches and list of grants that might be available. D. Kennedy will check on the pricing of the electric use to clarify if it is \$25 per hour per field.

c. Eagle Scout Project

D. Kennedy reported David Kennedy will be done with his Eagle Scout project soon. S. Spang needs to contact Justin Annello about his project.

d. New Member

Peter Lee has resigned; a new member will be needed.

e. Halloween

V. Bunnell informed the Commission the PTOF is looking to hold a Trick or Trunk this year. She will see if the PTOF would like to work with the Recreation Commission on the event.

f. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported the Red Sox vs. Yankee game on Saturday went well. After School programs will start to be planned.

S. Spang and P. Henry represented the Recreation Commission at the Salem Connections sponsored by the Salem Congregational Church.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Forsyth Road** – No report.
- b. **Baseball-** D. Kennedy reported fall ball registrations have taken place. There is one team per age group. D. Kennedy was asked by the Baseball Commission to see if Recreation could install padding on the door for the batting cage, “No Hitting into Fence” signs and hinge repair on a locker door. S. Spang informed D. Kennedy to relay to the Baseball Commission the expense should be from their budget.

S. Spang inform D. Kennedy for baseball and B. Appleby for soccer an updated insurance policy is needed with Town of Salem as an additional insured.
- c. **Soccer** – B. Appleby reported registration is done for fall. The August camp went well. There will be a U14 boy’s team this year and the girls will play in East Lyme.
- d. **Basketball-** No report.
- e. **Tennis** – No report.
- f. **Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported the permitting is still being done for the bridges on the path.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Language for Adult Gym Use.**
- b. **MOU for leagues** – S. Spang and P. Henry will work on the MOU for the leagues.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Appleby/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary